

Fair tonight and Friday; slightly colder tonight; fresh northwesterly winds.
TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR
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POLICE FIRED 3 SHOTS INTO JERRY'S SKIRT

Judge Keeps Garment From
Jury Because of Secret
"Experiment"

STATE SUFFERS SETBACK
AS ITS CASE NEARS END

Mrs. Rosier Steels Herself for
Ordeal of Telling Her Story
of Tragedy

ALIENISTS TO BE CALLED

Dr. C. K. Mills Ready to Take
Stand to Help "Emotional
Insanity" Plea

Police admit firing "test shots" into
skirt worn by "Jerry" Reckitt
when she was killed and Judge re-
fuses to permit garment to be
used as evidence.

Mrs. Rosier appears keyed up for
trial as time for her to take
stand nears. State expected to
close its case early this afternoon.

Defense has alienists in court to up-
hold its theory of "emotional in-
sanity" as excuse for the killing of
Oscar Rosier and his stenogra-
pher.

Mildred Geraldine Reckitt's black
skirt, worn by her when she was shot
by Mrs. Catherine Rosier, was taken
to the basement of City Hall and
"several bullets" were fired through
it from the same automatic pistol
used by Mrs. Rosier.

This sensational bit of testimony
was brought out by John R. K. Scott,
who with William Connor is counsel
for the defense, in cross-examining
a police witness today at the eighth
session of Mrs. Rosier's trial for the
murder of her husband.

Later, when the skirt was offered
in evidence, Judge Barratt agreed
that there had been an essential
alteration in the exhibit, made by
the Commonwealth without the
knowledge of the defense, and ruled
it out.

The skirt was considered among
the most important of the prosecu-
tion's exhibits.

Mr. Scott adroitly brought out the
fact that detectives had "experimented"
with the dress, the cartridges and
the automatic after Maurice Speiser,
Assistant District Attorney in charge
of the prosecution, had offered in evi-
dence a broken package of 25-caliber
bullets.

The package was found the day of
the crime, January 21, in the office at
1314 Walnut street, where Miss
Reckitt, nineteen-year-old stenographer,
and Oscar Rosier, her employer, were
killed.

Yesterday the Commonwealth wit-
nesses testified that there was but one
bullet hole in Miss Reckitt's skirt, no
mention having been made of the "ex-
periment."

Then the session began today in
Room 155, City Hall. Mr. Speiser
turned to the technical completion of
his case, presenting various exhibits,
which included the clothing worn by
Rosier and Miss Reckitt.

Shows Self-Possession

Mrs. Rosier, who is on trial now for
the murder of her only, looked less
tired and ill than on the last several
days.

She is still pale and haggard, still
weak and trembling. Her face is col-
ored, and she has circles beneath
her eyes. But she seems to have
recouped at last a part of her self-
possession, nerves herself apparently
for the ordeal which will come when
she is put on the stand to testify in
her own behalf. This may come late
this afternoon.

In spite of the brave face she ex-
hibited when the trial was resumed
today, the sight of her husband's slaying
haunted her for the moment. When
his silk shirt, spotted with his blood,
was held up for identification, she gazed
at it in horror, then bent her head and shut out the sight with
her hands, tears right to her eyes.
She wept, but silently, a few moments
recovered herself. She did
not look at the clothing again.

It became known today definitely
for the first time that the defense will
offer proof of insanity. To this end Mr.
Scott has assembled an array of ex-
perts, chief of whom will be Dr. Charles
K. Mills, of 1000 Chestnut street.

**Dr. Mills is very generally regard-
ed as the ablest of the country. He has spent
the better part of a long lifetime in
the practice of his profession, and his
work is regarded as first in matters
pertaining to nerves and insanity.**

Alienist Is in Court

Dr. Mills was in court today with
Dr. George Wilson, who is associated
with him in practice, and who is ex-
pected to give the assumption of power by
the Fascists.

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COUNCILMAN STRICKEN

**John S. Dobbins, of Camden, Taken
to Hospital—Condition Serious**

John S. Dobbins, a Camden Council-
man, was admitted to the West Jersey
Homeopathic Hospital this after-
noon suffering from stomach trouble.
He was stricken last night at his home,
20 North Franklin street, Camden.
His condition is considered serious.

Mr. Dobbins is a candidate for re-
election in November. He was elected
two years ago by the independent
voters. This time he has the support
of the Republican Party. He is em-
ployed in a substation by a Camden
concern and is an active worker in the
Camden Baptist Church. Edna Cameron

This is interpreted here as prepara-
tion for the assumption of power by
the Fascists.

**FASCISTI READY TO SEIZE
REINS OF POWER IN ROME**

**Leader of Faction Summons Mil-
itary Chiefs for Action**

Rome, Oct. 26.—By A. P. — Benito
Mussolini, leader of the Fascisti, has
called together all the military leaders
of that organization and the *corpi di guardia*
has ordered all the military sections
of the Fascisti to keep in readiness
the 800,000 workers who have joined
the Fascisti organizations, so they may
cooperate in an opportunity moment
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tion for the assumption of power by
the Fascisti.

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